

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sykesville Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Michele Yamrick. In attendance were Michele Yamrick, President; Elaine Fike, Vice President; Nate Alvetro, President ProTem; Council Members: Ron Morris, Sherry Pruzinsky, Don Reid, and Gabriel "Butch" Sweka; Mayor Gail Cunningham; Solicitor Nicholas Gianvito.

Visitor was Larry McGuire (Punxsutawney Spirit).

VISITORS CONCERNS:

No visitor concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Michele Yamrick presented to Council a letter from the Sykesville Library requesting the release of their annual allotment of \$3,000. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky and seconded by Councilman Butch Sweka to pay the Sykesville Library their annual allotment of \$3,000. Motion carried.

President Yamrick presented to Council an email from Brianne Fleming (Courier Express) asking if anyone from the Borough would be interested in doing their Friday Faces questionnaire. Details will be at the Borough Office for anyone interested.

A letter was presented from Hugill Sanitation, Inc. expressing their apologies for failing to meet the deadline for garbage removal bids. The full letter will be at the Borough Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to approve August 18, 2025, Council minutes was made by Councilman Ron Morris and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried.

President Yamrick informed that she received a "docusign" document for Payment Application No. 1 (approved by Council) and was unable to review/open it. She will call AJ (Project Engineer) tomorrow.

President Yamrick informed Council that the Borough Crew worked late today because three waterlines on London Street were hit today during construction of the stormsewer project.

CREW FOREMAN REPORT: President Michele Yamrick and President ProTem Alvetro presented on Foreman Williams behalf.

President Yamrick opened discussion about placing the Christmas tree at Town Hall. President ProTem Alvetro stated that there are several complaints from the residents on when the tree is put up, taken down, etc. There was discussion of how the current tree looks (old/lights not working), if the tree should be placed at Town Hall (done in the past), or if decorations that used to be displayed at the Stahl Park could be set up at Town Square. President ProTem Alvetro stated that if the tree were to be placed at the Town Hall, the Borough Crew could possibly do it themselves without help of a bucket truck. After further discussion, Council decided to table this matter until further discussion with the SCIA (Town Hall). Vice President Elaine Fike will call Kurt Kister of the SCIA.

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Nothing to report.

Finance/Personnel:

A motion was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by President ProTem Nate Alvetro to accept and pay J&M Accounting & Tax Services Inc. \$1,215.97 for their monthly retainer for August 2025. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice President Elaine Fike and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Pruzinsky to approve Michael Gamble's paid time off for August 22nd and August 27th (4 hours). Motion carried.

Ordinance, Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Utilities:

Nothing to report.

Parks, Recreation and Planning:

Councilman Morris mentioned how nice the baseball field is looking. Councilman Reid informed Larry McGuire that Dave Roman is donating all material and services in fixing the ball field.

President ProTem Alvetro noticed some kids trespassing on the ball fields and mentioned to purchase locks for the gates when the project is complete. Council agreed with this idea. He informed that he would have Foreman Williams put up caution tape and "No Trespassing" signs for now.

Police, Mayor, Fire, Code Enforcement:

President ProTem Alvetro thanked Council for allowing the road closures for the Gun bash on behalf of the Sykesville Fire Department.

Solicitor Gianvito:

Solicitor Gianvito requested an executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Morris and seconded by Councilman Sweka to pay up to \$100 per Borough Crew employee (Brian Williams, Nick Yamrick, and Michael Gamble) for purchase of work boots. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:22 P.M.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

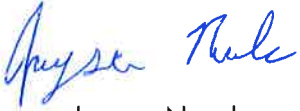
Council reconvened from executive session at 7:53 P.M.

A motion was made by Councilman Sweka and seconded by Councilman Morris to advertise three times the hiring of a Part Time/Temporary Police Officer for the Borough of Sykesville with a starting wage of \$18/hour subject to the Union approval. Applications can be picked up at the Borough Office (21 East Main Street) from 8:00 A.M.-4 P.M., Monday through Friday. Applications are due by 4:00 P.M. October 6th. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Butch Sweka and seconded by Councilman Don Reid. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Jaysa Neale
Borough Secretary/Treasurer